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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed the detailed non-final Office Action mailed September 11, 2007 (paper no. 20070723). In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected and claims 17-31 were allowed. In this paper, claim 1-16 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Thus, upon entry of this response, claims 17-31 will be pending in this application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Matter

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 17-31 were allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance.

The recent Office Action also contains a statement of reasons for the allowance of claims 17-31. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the claims or claimed subject matter may be paraphrased.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and claims 5-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled with this action. Consequently, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 40297-0001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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